

§ 732. Progressive bingo

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing authority of any parish or municipality may permit any charitable licensed organization to conduct progressive mega jackpot bingo games. For the purpose of conducting a progressive bingo game, such organizations shall:

(1) Establish links or networks, electronic or otherwise, between locations, commercial or noncommercial, where licensed charitable bingo games are being conducted.

(2) Deposit a predetermined amount of money not to exceed one hundred dollars per organization into a special account before each licensed call bingo gaming session. Every one-hundred-dollar contribution shall constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that session.

B. The mega jackpot for a progressive bingo game played pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section may exceed the limit established in R.S. 4:714 but shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

C. Such game shall be offered in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the governing authority of each municipality or the parish which issued a license to any respective organization which participates in a progressive mega jackpot bingo game, in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the office in Subsection D of this Section.

D. The office shall adopt rules and regulations governing progressive mega jackpot bingo games to insure compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and any additional regulations of the state relative to charitable gaming laws.

E. Any licensed charitable organization or organizations playing at the same location may conduct progressive blackout bingo games in accordance with rules established and in effect on August 15, 1995, and as follows:

(1) Any such organization or organizations which conduct progressive bingo games in accordance with this Subsection may offer a second progressive bingo game, in addition to the game authorized in this Subsection.

(2) Any such organization or organizations which conduct progressive bingo games in accordance with this Subsection may establish a maximum jackpot or cap for each progressive bingo

game offered by the organization. After either such cap is reached, the participating organizations may continue contributions to the Charitable Gaming Progressive Jackpot Account to accumulate a backup jackpot which may be applied to either or both progressive games.

(3) The dollar amount of each jackpot cap shall be continuously and conspicuously displayed along with the current dollar amount of the progressive jackpot.

(4) The second progressive jackpot game may be added to any call bingo game played during a bingo session.

(5) During the course of a progressive jackpot, the participating organizations may, prior to a jackpot win, raise but not lower the jackpot cap. In the event that the jackpot cap is raised, contributions in the amount of one hundred dollars per game shall recommence.

F. Participation in the progressive bingo jackpot games permitted by Subsections A and E of this Section shall be mutually exclusive.

G. Organizations in parishes with populations of less than four hundred twenty-five thousand may network or link together to conduct progressive mega jackpot bingo games, as provided in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, provided the local governing authority of each parish has authorized the conducting of such games in the parish, and further provided that the combined populations of the parishes networking or linking together as authorized by this Subsection do not exceed four hundred forty thousand.

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